

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.782a Voting machines; voting for more write-in candidates than space on machine, procedure.

Sec. 782a. If any voter wishes to vote for more write-in candidates than there are spaces upon the voting machine or for any person whose name is not on the machine or for any combination of names that cannot be voted with the machine, the following procedure shall be followed:

- (a) The voter shall notify an election inspector of the situation.
- (b) The election inspector shall tell the voter to clear the voting machine, in secret, of all votes including write-ins that the voter has attempted to cast.
- (c) The voter shall advise the election inspector when he has cleared the machine.
- (d) Not less than 2 election inspectors who shall not be of the same political party shall then inspect the machine to determine whether it is cleared, and if not, shall proceed to clear the machine, including the write-in slots.
- (e) The election inspectors shall then operate the appropriate voting machine mechanism to prepare the machine for the next voter.
- (f) The election inspectors shall make a notation of the facts in the poll book and shall initial the notation.
- (g) The election inspectors shall provide the voter with a complete set of paper ballots identical to the paper ballots used by absentee voters in that precinct, and shall also provide the voter with an unsealed envelope in which to deposit the ballots.
- (h) The voter shall mark his ballots, in secrecy, and deposit them in the envelope provided, seal the envelope and hand the sealed envelope to an election inspector.
- (i) The election inspector shall commingle the envelope with absentee ballot return envelopes of the precinct, if any.
- (j) The envelopes and ballots shall be called, tallied and processed in the same manner as absentee ballots.
- (k) If any paper ballots are cast under the provisions of this section in any municipality using absent voter counting precincts, the chairman of the election board in the precinct where the ballots were cast shall immediately upon the close of the polls notify the clerk of the governmental unit of such fact and the clerk shall cause the ballots to be transmitted to the absent voter counting precinct.

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